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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Klaus-Dieter HAMMER et al.

Title: SAUSAGE CASING WITH  
STARCH OR STARCH  
DERIVATIVES AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 2, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge receipt of an Office Action dated September 26, 2002. Claims 13-41 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks which follow.